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- 1) Submission Of Replacement Papers In Allowed Reissue Application (3 pages);
- 2) Copies of papers previously filed, including:
 - a) a date stamped confirmation card confirming previous receipt of the papers provided herein by the US Patent and Trademark Office (1 pg).
 - b) a transmittal sheet identifying the filing and providing a fee computation and authorization (1pg);
 - c) a petition for extension of time (1 pg);
 - d) a paper entitled "Surrender of Patent" along with a copy of the outside cover sheet (as well as portions of the inside cover and the front page) of original patent deed 5,815,293 (3 pgs);
 - e) a paper entitled "Submission of Supplemental Declaration" along with a supplemental declaration submitted by applicants (5 pgs); and
 - f) a Response to Final Action with Amendment and Traverse" (19 pgs).

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Docket No.: 041-1714BRI

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OFFICIALPATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Reissue Application for
U.S. Patent 5,815,293

Yoshiaki KOMMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2872

Serial No. 09/671,674

Examiner: JUBA JR., JOHN

Filed: September 27, 2000

For: COMPOUND OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL DISKS HAVING
DIFFERENT THICKNESSES**SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT PAPERS
IN ALLOWED REISSUE APPLICATION**Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to a request by Supervisory Patent Examiner Dunn during a telephone conference on August 5, 2004, summarized below, applicant submits herewith duplicates to replace papers hand-carried to the USPTO on July 9, 2004, and apparently misplaced thereafter.

Enclosed are:

- 1) A date stamped card confirming receipt of an amendment, a supplemental declaration, a petition for extension of time with payment of \$420 therefor, and the original deed of issued patent 5,815,293;
- 2) A copy of a transmittal sheet identifying the filing and providing a fee computation and authorization;

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Submission of Replacement Papers

- 3) A copy of a petition for extension of time (form PTO 2038 referenced therein is *not* enclosed, as the fee of \$420 was paid and accounted for on July 12, 2004, as confirmed by Mr. Dunn);
- 4) A copy of a paper entitled "Surrender of Patent" along with a copy of the outside cover sheet (as well as portions of the inside cover and the front page) of original patent deed 5,815,293;
- 5) A copy of a paper entitled "Submission of Supplemental Declaration" along with a supplemental declaration submitted by applicants; and
- 6) A copy of a Response to Final Action with Amendment and Traverse.

During the aforementioned discussion with Examiner Dunn, Mr. Dunn noted that the PALM system shows the application as having been allowed, but does not show the papers filed by applicants subsequent to the Information Disclosure Statement, which was filed April 8, 2004.

Therefore, in order to complete the record and to expedite review by the Special Programs Examiner, the complete set of papers filed on July 9, 2004 is enclosed herewith.

It is noted that these papers were hand carried by the undersigned to Examiner Juba, who received and reviewed the same and personally stamped the confirmation receipt. It appears, however, that the date stamp used on that date had not been properly set, as the stamp on the confirmation receipt shows a date of July 7, rather than July 9. It is believed that the missing papers were also stamped

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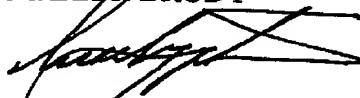
Submission of Replacement Papers

with the date of July 7, 2004, and that the PALM system similarly may show a filing date of July 7, 2004 for the papers.

However, undersigned attorney of record courteously notes that, in fact, the papers were provided to, and accepted on behalf of, the USPTO on July 9, 2004.

In view of allowance of the application by the Examiner on July 15, 2004, it is requested that the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability be mailed promptly.

Respectfully submitted,
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Filed on 09/27/2000

Ser./Pat. No. 09/671,674
Applicant(s): Yoshiaki KOMMA et al.

THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE STAMP HEREON ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF:

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re REISSUE Application for U.S. Patent 5,815,293

Yoshiaki KOMMA et al

Serial No. 09/671,674

Filed : September 27, 2000

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Group Art Unit: 2872

Examiner: JUBA Jr. JOHN

For: COMPOUND OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL DISKS HAVING DIFFERENT THICKNESSES

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION WITH AMENDMENT AND TRAVERSE** in the above identified application.

- No additional fee is required.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Also attached: 1) Form 2038 covering Extension of Time; 2) Petition for Extension of Time; 3) Surrender of Issued Patent; and 4) Supplemental Declaration

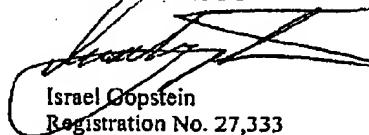
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	133	234	102	x \$ 18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	6	29	0	x \$ 86 =	\$ 0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$420.00
				TOTAL FEE DUE	\$420.00

- Form 2038 authorizing payment in the amount of \$420.00 is attached.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1088, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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Serial No. 09/671,674 : Examiner: JUBA JR., JOHN
Filed: September 27, 2000 :
For: COMPOUND OBJECTIVE LENS FOR OPTICAL DISKS HAVING
DIFFERENT THICKNESSES, as amended

SURRENDER OF PATENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby surrender the above identified patent, reissue of which is
courteously requested in accordance with the accompanying Response to a final action in
Reissue Application serial number 09/671,674.

The original deed of U.S. Patent 5,815,293 is enclosed herewith as required under
37 CFR 1.178.

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The
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The Commissioner of
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Has received an application for a patent for a new and useful invention. The title and description of the invention are enclosed. The requirements of law have been complied with, and it has been determined that a patent on the invention shall be granted under the law.

Therefore, this

United States Patent

Grants to the person(s) having title to this patent the right to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, or selling the invention throughout the United States of America or importing the invention into the United States of America for the term set forth below, subject to the payment of maintenance fees as provided by law.

If this application was filed prior to June 8, 1995, the term of this patent is the longer of seventeen years from the date of grant of this patent or twenty years from the earliest effective U.S. filing date of the application, subject to any statutory extension.

If this application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, the term of this patent is twenty years from the U.S. filing date, subject to any statutory extension. If the application contains a specific reference to an earlier filed application or applications under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c), the term of the patent is twenty years from the date on which the earliest application was filed, subject to any statutory extension.

Bruce Lehman
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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If the application for this patent was filed on or after December 12, 1980, maintenance fees are due three years and six months, seven years and six months, and eleven years and six months after the date of this grant, or within a grace period of six months thereafter upon payment of a surcharge as provided by law. The amount, number and timing of the maintenance fees required may be changed by law or regulation. Unless payment of the applicable maintenance fee is received in the Patent and Trademark Office on or before the date the fee is due or within a grace period of six months thereafter, the patent will expire as of the end of such grace period.

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